

**--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS**

This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier-filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/314,580, and filed 8/23/2001; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/337,504, and filed 12/6/2001.—

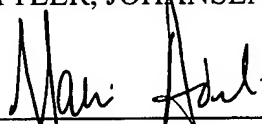
**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment corrects a typographical error in the claim of benefit of the above-referenced application. In the original claim of benefit, the filing date of application 60/314,580 was specified as 8/23/2000. This Amendment corrects the filing date for this application to 8/23/2001.

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